

The Glorious 4th

Local Independence Day Celebration Witnessed by Thousands who Annually Throng the Gap.

Nothing daunted because of threatening weather, and on pleasure bent, thousands of people came to Big Stone Gap yesterday to spend the day and witness the splendid program of events annually given under the management of the Big Stone Gap Athletic Association. Rocco Grolla's Band of Lexington, Ky., rendered music for the day and Senor Zenox, the one legged slack wire and flying trapeze performer was there "with the goods."

Some of the young men of the town conceived the idea of "clowning" the celebration and dressed as "rube," "cop" and straight clown, promenade the grounds and pulling off stunts that furnished great amusement to all and proved a regular "circus" for others.

Pony and Cart Contest.

From the date of circulars announcing a popularity contest in which some boy or girl would get as a prize a Shetland Pony, cart and harness valued at \$175 for the largest number of votes, under conditions prescribed by the Athletic Association, much interest was manifested and continued unabated throughout with a number of popular children in the race. So fast, indeed, has been the race, that no one could, with any degree of certainty, say who would be the winner, in fact, such a hoard of votes floated into the several ballot boxes during the day that by agreement of a majority of the parents of those entered, it was agreed to wait until day (Wednesday) to count the ballots; hence we can make no announcement of the result in this week's post.

Occasional showers delayed progress and made the grounds too wet to carry out all the program though most everyone expressed satisfaction and pleasure at the close of the day. Immediately following the parade which started from the center of town and marched to the grounds with band, knights in uniform, etc., the various numbers on the program were handled as quickly as possible.

Wise-Lee Championship.

The morning base ball game for championship of the high schools of Wise and Lee counties with pick teams, resulted in victory for Lee county aggregation, the game being carried by them in the 9th inning. The score:

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Wise Co.	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	2	6	9	9
Lee Co.	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	7	5	8	

Batteries: Wise Co., Davis, Parsons and Tate; Lee Co., Collier and Gilbert.

Bicycle Race.

The Boys' Bicycle Race was won by James Taylor, of Stone Gap, over two other contestants, Chas. Young and Robert Gonano, both of Big Stone Gap.

Potato Race.

This race won by Charley Myers, the only entry for the event.

Ladies' Golf Driving Match.

Miss Jule Bullitt won in this interesting event after having first tied with Miss Baumgartner the successful score being 425 yards in five strokes. The entries were: Mrs. D. B. Sayers, Mrs. H. E. Fox, and Misses Jule Bullitt, Hiner and Baumgartner.

Men's Golf Driving Match.

Dr. Karl Stoehr, with a score of 600 yards in 5 strokes (nothing under 100 yards counting) won the event. The entries were: H. E. Fox, R. E. Taggart, M. K. Kelly, Jno. W. Chalkley, D. B. Sayers and Dr. Karl Stoehr.

Free-for-all Driving Match.

There were 17 entries in the open golf driving match which was open for those who had not been initiated into the mysteries of the game. Each

contestant was given two chances to win on distance driven, and the winner was "Doc" Hill, of East Stone Gap, with a record of 175 yards.

Afternoon Base Ball.

Owing to the bad condition of the diamond the championship game for the Athletic Association cup was substituted by an exhibition game between the Stone Gap and Big Stone Gap teams, seven innings being agreed upon, resulting in a score of 2 to 0 in favor of the visitors. The score:

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Stone Gap	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	7	1	
Big Stone Gap	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

Batteries: Stone Gap, Hall and Wampler. Big Stone Gap, Bruner and Skeen.

The Tournament.

Dressed in mediaeval costume the gallant Sir Knights, after due recognition of the period they were presumed to represent, undertook a hazardous task, riding swiftly over wet grounds, to win the honor of crowning the queen of the ball given last night at Collier's Hall, the particulars of which we publish below. Sir Knight of the Blue Grass won the honor by taking all three rings in a tie against Sr. Richard Curdillon. The Sir Knights entered were:

Knight of the Cumberland—H. J. Ayers; Knight of Powells Valley—J. M. Mc Lemoire; Knight of the Lone Star—Dr. J. A. Gilmer; Knight of Scott—A. K. Morrison; Knight of the Blue Grass—Dr. W. G. Painter; Knight of the Green Hills—J. K. Taggart; Sir Richard Curdillon—J. F. Bullitt.

Slow Mule Race.

This event was won by Hambrick Tate of East Stone Gap, and was the last event of the day, the racing and automobile races and the field sports being omitted because of the interference from rain and the late hour.

No date has been set for the championship game between the Stone Gap and Big Stone Gap teams, though it will doubtless be interesting and should be well attended when announced, which will probably be within the next few days.

The only accident occurring during the day happened in the morning to J. F. Bullitt, Jr., whose horse tripped on a wire, fell and rolled on him while returning to his home from tournament practice. Fortunately Mr. Bullitt was not seriously hurt though he was unconscious for a time.

Cash prizes were given the winner in the different events except golf ball driving, the winners among the regular players will receive golf sticks and the open golf drive a box of cigars, and the winner in the tournament whose honor was crowning the Queen of the ball.

German.

The fifteenth annual german of the Big Stone Gap German Club, which, as usual, closed the Fourth of July festivities, was one of the most entirely successful affairs of the kind ever given in Big Stone Gap. Collier Hall was gay with flags and bunting and Japanese lanterns in the patriotic colors. The favors also carried out the same patriotic idea.

Music was furnished by Grelia's Orchestra, of Lexington, Ky. Over fifty couples danced, Mr. James Galt leading.

The coronation of the queen of the ball, Miss Julia Hundley, of Lebanon, Ky., by the successful knight in the tournament during the afternoon, Dr. W. G. Painter, took place at about twelve o'clock. Hon. R. T. Irvine, in a flowery speech presented the gorgeous bouquet of exquisite roses to Dr. Painter, who in turn presented it to Miss Hundley with a most elegant

bow and a very sweet smile, but no rhetoric whatever.

The following were among the out of town guests present: Madame Fritz Scheff, of New York; Mr. and Mrs. Paul McDonald, of Dorchester; Mr. and Mrs. Hammer, of Dorchester; Mrs. G. H. McAfee, of Elizabethton, Ky.; Dr. and Mrs. Thomas W. White, of Stone Gap, and their house guests, Miss Elsie White, of Detroit, Mich., and Miss Wardie Skelton, of Richmond, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Duffy, of Stone Gap, Miss Julia Hundley, of Lebanon, Ky., who is the house guest of Dr. and Mrs. W. G. Painter; Dr. and Mrs. R. P. Kelly, of Roda; Miss Sarah Barker, Miss Pauline Cody and Mrs. Spears Webster, of Bristol, all of whom are the house guests of Mrs. H. S. K. Morrison, Miss Anna McCormick, of Elowah, Tenn., and Miss Sarah Lovell, of Newport, Ky., and Misses Sadie King and Victoria Eaton, of Bristol.

Among the gentlemen present from out of town were Henry S. Kane, Jr., of Bristol; James Tinsley, of Richmond; Roy McPhail, of Dorchester; Dr. Henry Naff, of Knoxville, Tenn.; D. Tucker Brown, of Norton; T. E. Daniels, of Bristol; and John Kincaid, of Ewing, Va.

Normal Note.

Up to Friday afternoon 243 had registered at the Normal as follows: Scott 70; Wise 64; Lee, 35; Dickenson, 27; Russell 19; Buchanan 14; miscellaneous, 14.

There has been no trouble this year in finding good homes for all the student teachers.

Rev. J. W. Craft was a welcome visitor to the Normal Tuesday morning and conducted the Chapel exercises.

Dr. J. W. Wayland, Prof. of History in the State Normal School, at Harrisonburg, who was to have delivered a lecture Monday evening on "Jackson's Valley Campaign" was unable to fill his engagement on account of the illness of his wife.

Friday evening, Edward Brigham, well known in Big Stone Gap, will give a musical and reading in the school auditorium for which a small admission fee will be charged.

Quite a number of candidates for the popularity contest put in good time lecturing in the entrance hall of the school building before the 4th.

Misses Critz, London and Baumgardner and Prof. Geo. W. Bennett ("Big Ben") spent Sunday very pleasantly at Morris farm.

Monday evening, T. S. Settle, State Supervisor of Rural Schools, and J. H. Binford, Secy. of the Va., Co-operative Educational Association, will lecture in the School Auditorium.

And Tuesday evening Miss Katherine Stewart, the Virginia Representative of the Audubon Bird Society, will be at the school building and will speak in her usual entertaining style.

In addition to the above, the management has written Bob Taylor and Powell Hale, both of whom it is hoped will be able to give the Normal a date.

Hyatt Stout, of Dryden, had the sympathy of the student body and of the instructors of the Normal in the loss of his sister, Evelyn, Saturday night from an operation for cancer Friday. The young lady did not regain consciousness after the operation. Less than five years ago, Mr. Stout had a younger sister burned to death when his father's house near Dryden burned.

Turkey Cove was well represented on the 4th as usual. Among the Coyotes, we noticed: Mr. and Mrs. Leonidas Collier, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Wade, L. M., Jack and Lindsey Wade, Mrs. Darthula Wyatt, Miss Rebecca Wade, Misses Gertrude and Laura May Bailey, Mrs. Rebecca Reasor, Mr. and Mrs. John J. Reasor and children, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Skeen and children, Miss Willie May Ward, William Somers and Thomas Bailey, Bob Skeen, J. K. P. Barron, Greene, Jim, Creed, Walker, Cleveland, Henderson, Sr., and Henderson, Jr., Charlie and a half dozen other Reasors, Mrs. Harvey Myers, Miss Etta Collier, Miss Nan Reasor, Mrs. George Gilmer, and a number of others.

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We were mistaken in our local last week in regard to the St. Charles Hotel at Norton having been leased by Henry Burk. Mr. Burk has leased the Oxford Hotel at Norton. The St. Charles hotel has been leased to T. F. Rogers, formerly a prominent hotel man on the Pacific Coast but who has been living at Fredericksburg, Va., for some time prior to his coming to Norton a few weeks ago. Mr. Rogers is an experienced hotel man and will make the St. Charles a first class hotel in every way.

A letter from W. E. Wolfe to homefolks, says he is in Kiel, Germany. Will is on the battleship South Carolina, with the Atlantic Fleet, now cruising in northern European waters. The fleet will return home by the 15th of this month, and will probably visit the Mediterranean ports in October. While in Kronstadt, Russia, recently, "Land of the Midnight Sun," he had the pleasure of seeing the sun set at 3:30 p. m., and rise at 2:30 a. m. It never gets dark at that time. Snow is in abundance. The blue-jackets are having a great time cheering the nobility.

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Fuller Brothers closed a very successful 3-day special sale on house furnishing goods last Saturday that we are pleased to mention, since the Post played a very important part in the publicity end of the affair, a quarter page ad, therein being the sole attention called to the sale, especially to out-of-town patrons who were many and had no other means of knowing the bargains on exhibition in the store's show windows.

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Misses Irma and Bernice Orr, after spending ten days as the house guests of Miss Mary L. Kite, returned to their home at Big Stone Gap Tuesday. Miss Kate gave her guests a very pleasant camping trip at Big Creek last week.—Bristol Herald Courier.

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